



NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006 BOOTH DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Canopin called the meeting to order at 7: 25 p.m. with a qualifying quorum of 12 members present. The packets for each Board member containing reports of the emergency service agencies and public representatives, and other assorted items necessary to complete the evening's agenda were distributed prior to beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mason Aiona, Dean Asahina, Al Canopin, Jr. Richard Carreira, Audrey Hidano, Leimamo Kapea, Paula Kurashige, Philip Nerney (late), Wendy Young Ogawa, Patt Spencer, Sylvia Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heather Mullins Crislip, Remy Luria, James Bannan

GUESTS: Sgt. Cal Calicdan (Honolulu Police Department-District 1), Sgt. Gordon Costa (Honolulu Police Department), Maj. Moana Heu (Honolulu Police Department- District 5), Kuaika Jendrusgh, Jasmine A. Kaneshiro, Mr. & Mrs. Kaneshiro, Maj. Randy Macadangdang (Honolulu Police Department-District 1), Christopher Oakland, Lauren Oakland, Susie Chun Oakland (State Senate), Paul Smith, Officer M. Tamashiro (Honolulu Police Department), Captain John Yoshimoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Vanessa Matautia (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ASSISTANT- Chair Canopin introduced new Neighborhood Assistant Vanessa Matautia. NB Assistant Matautia introduced herself to Board.

VACANCIES

Subdistrict 1- Option to Declare ONE Seat Vacant in Subdistrict 1

Per Neighborhood Plan, Section 4-2.3 Excessive Absences (Richard Carreira)

Chair Canopin, due to the aforementioned clause, he deferred action.

Subdistrict 3 (one seat) – no interested candidates were present.

Recognition and Congratulations to Jasmine A. Kaneshiro Patt Spencer presented Jasmine Kaneshiro, Hawaii State spelling bee champion and National Spelling bee contestant for the past two years, with a certificate of recognition from the Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board while Chair Canopin presented Jasmine with lei. Kaneshiro thanked the community for its support during the State finals as well as during the national competition.

A short recess was taken at 7:31 p.m. to recognize and celebrate the birthdays of Board members Richard Carreira and Leimamo Kapea. Chair Canopin resumed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

FIRE AND POLICE:

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD):



District 1, Honolulu: Major Richard Macadangdang introduced himself to the Board as the new commanding officer for District 1. The major spoke to the Board regarding his plan to making life better with a partnership between the community and the Police Department.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Spencer watched a news report on the 6 p.m. KGMB June 9 newscast regarding suspects wanted for home invasions in the Pauoa/Pacific Heights area. She asked HPD why the Board wasn't informed of such incidents in the area. Major Macadangdang was not aware of what specific news report but would follow-up on it and report back next Board meeting.
- 2) Chair Canopin inquired about a possible brochure with information on Neighborhood Watches, safety tips, etc. Major Macadangdang along with other officers from District 1 informed the Board that pamphlets were passed out some months ago but will go ahead and distribute them again for next month's meeting.
- 3) Hidano requested clarification on the pedestrian cross walk law. If a pedestrian waves a driver to continue, what does the law say should happen? Major Macadangdang reported that the driver must wait for the pedestrian to cross, although a police officer will use judgment call of what was appropriate on a case-by-case basis. Major reminded the Board that safety should be maintained at all times and provided several tips on pedestrian/vehicle traffic.
- 4) Aiona reported the following: A) thanked the HPD for the follow-up of cars parked around Booth District Park and HPD's diligence in the matter. B) informed HPD that Booth District Park Summer Fun will have a sleepover for participants on Friday, June 23, 2006. C) there will also be staff working to fix the outside lights which have been inoperable for the past several weeks. Major Macadangdang thanked Board member Aiona and will give the information to patrol.
- 5) Nerney put forth an inquiry regarding what the procedure is in dealing with a threat of bodily harm. The patrol officer as well as the attending sergeant seemed to be unmotivated at filing a formal complaint and Nerney requested what the correct protocol was in follow-up of said report. Major Macadangdang would follow-up with Nerney.
- 6) Young reported that several pieces of metal were stolen from her garbage and asked if anything could be done to prevent this, particularly due to the recent theft of metal siding from Booth District Park. Major Macadangdang reported that Young should follow-up with HPD regarding her police report that was filed due its being a misdemeanor offense.
- 7) Kapea thanked the HPD for their participation in Papakolea's Weed & Seed program as well as reading to children in the Reading Program. Board member Kapea also thanked them for their diligence in removing several abandoned cars from the Papakolea area.

District 5, Kalihi: Major Moana Heu introduced herself to the Board and spoke about being the new commander of the District.

Sgt. Costa announced that there will be a Community Watch meeting Thursday June 22, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Kalihi Recreation Center. This meeting will include tips on disaster preparedness and Chief of Police, Boisse Correa, will be in attendance. All are invited to attend.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Kurashige questioned the abandoned vehicle law and whether it was being enforced by HPD. Major Macadangdang reported that the contract signed by the City & County of Honolulu with a private tow company is intact. The problem that has arisen is that the tow companies' yards are full of cars, which happened several weeks after the law was enacted.

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT Captain John Yoshimoto, of the Nuuanu Fire Station, reported the following information:

1. Last month, the Nuuanu fire station responded to a total of 10 structural fires and one vehicle fire. There were 36 medical emergencies, two search and rescues and four miscellaneous calls.
2. **FIRE SAFETY TIP:** Brush fire season has begun. Maintain a 30-foot wide clearing between a structure and vegetation is recommended. Independence Day is coming and the Fire Department asked people to leave fireworks to the professionals. If you plan on using fireworks, please supervise older children and prevent younger children from handling any fireworks. The Honolulu Fire Department wishes the community a happy and safe Independence Day celebration.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Aiona questioned what the final report found as the cause of the fire in a residence across from Pauoa Elementary School. Board member Aiona also questioned whether the Honolulu Fire Department could write citations for private homes due to unsafe/illegal activities. At the time, Captain Yoshimoto did not have that particular information and would follow-up with the investigation findings. Honolulu Fire Department did not have the authority to write citations and it would be under the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) jurisdiction to issue such citations. Aiona maintained that the house had illegally constructed units within, which blocked exits, creating serious fire hazards. Captain Yoshimoto would fax Chair Canopin with further findings.
2. Kurashige asked what pertinent information in a medical emergency was needed and also questioned what the guidelines were used in selecting hospitals to transport victims needing care. Captain Yoshimoto reported that photo identification and a record of medicines in which the victim was taking was important above all other information. Yoshimoto also reported that the selection of a hospital was based upon the availability of an emergency room. Many times, emergency crews and dispatchers will try their best in getting victims to hospitals where a primary care doctor is located and will try to locate the closest hospitals but this may change while en route.

3. Chair Canopin asked whether or not there is published information on emergency care and what was needed and Captain Yoshimoto assured the Board that there would be pamphlets available at the next Board meeting.
4. Resident Paul Smith asked whether a record on the number of calls for a particular location was kept. His complaint is that a senior care home in Pacific Heights has continuous visits by the Honolulu Fire Department and Emergency Services Paramedics each week. Mr. Smith believes it should be noted that the care home was grandfathered into the system and should be a deterrent against running commercial businesses in residential neighborhoods. Captain Yoshimoto informed Mr. Smith that those records are kept at dispatch and are available to the public.
5. The Fire Department co-responds with the ambulance to medical emergency calls as it can usually reach the scene before the ambulance and provides emergency care until the ambulance arrives.

Neighborhood Security Watch

1. Mason Aiona gave the following report: A) parking around Booth District Park remains a problem and he was informed by HPD to continue calling about offenders in order to deter illegal parking in area. B) also reports that the exterior lights on the makai end of Booth District Park have not had working lights for the past two weeks. The building has been broken into several times before and the Department of Parks and Recreation was notified.
2. Paula Kurashige gave the following report: A) she raised questions regarding the whereabouts of theft of the stolen checks from a Nuuanu home. She reported that a person had entered the Bank of Hawaii branch in Waianae and tried to cash one of the stolen checks. Bank personnel noticed discrepancies with the check and called police. B) She would like to see the replacement of neighborhood watch signs that are in disrepair at several sights.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2006:

The following corrections were made by Spencer and others:

1. Page 1 under Guests: "Chris O., Lauren O.," change to "Chris Oakland, Lauren Oakland"
2. Page 3 under HPD; Subdistrict 5 under questions, comments and concerns,
 - o #2 should read "Leimamo Kapea thanked HPD for their good work in Papakolea"
3. Page 5, under Representative Sylvia Luke, last sentence should read "DLNR" not BLNR.
4. Page 7, under inventory of community issues, #2 should read "The Auditor is still working on an audit of the Neighborhood Commission Office"
5. Page 9, under discussion of letter to State Attorney General's office,
 - a. #2 should be added "Kurashige had the same good luck as Aiona for the same reasons". All following numbers should follow accordingly.
 - b. #5, last sentence should read "Young urged that, instead of bringing this sort of problem to the Board, everyone should make an effort to call."

The minutes were approved with corrections.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: Patt Spencer reported the following amounts for May- The Operating Account expenses were \$93.92, leaving a balance of \$793.27. The Publicity and Refreshments Accounts had no expenses, leaving balances of \$1,298.00 and \$46.14, respectively.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (June 2006 thru May 2007)

Chair: Al Canopin was **nominated** for chair; nominations were closed and with no objections, **Canopin was elected Chair by unanimous consent.**

Vice Chair: Paula Kurashige was **nominated** for vice chair; nominations were closed and with no objections, **Kurashige was elected vice chair by unanimous consent.**

Secretary/Treasurer: Patt Spencer was **nominated** for secretary/treasurer; nominations were closed and with no objections, **Spencer was elected secretary/treasurer by unanimous consent.**

Vice Secretary/Treasurer: Wendy Young Ogawa was **nominated** for vice secretary/treasurer; nominations were closed and with no objections **Young Ogawa was elected vice secretary/treasurer by unanimous consent.**

Papakolea Community Report- Leimamo Kapea gave the following report:

- A. Community clean-up day: Community is reportedly working out a deal with the Department of Environmental Services to give up their once-a-month bulky item pick-up day for an alternate community clean-up day. The community has requested this change semi-annually and will provide the man-power necessary for the clean-up in exchange for two garbage trucks and a flat-bed truck for bulky items.
- B. Blessing on Friday, June 23, 2006 at the Papakolea Community Center for a new program by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Third installment of program at a Hawaiian Homestead division and will employ 10 people.
- C. In July, the Papakolea Community will begin their "I am Hawaiian" voting campaign drive.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY by elected government officials:

Chair Canopin apologized to the Board and to the community for having spent over half an hour listening.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ROD TAM: (Report filed with Neighborhood Assistant) The written report was included in the Board packets which included the following Legislative updates 1) a one-time real property tax discount of \$200 for owner-occupants, 2) the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the next fiscal year including \$680 million Capital Budget with a summary list of projects in Council District 6.

SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND – Sen. Chun Oakland circulated information packets with legislation done this session.

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE- (Report filed with Neighborhood Assistant) Correspondence to the Board includes information regarding Identity theft. Legislation regarding identity theft was highlighted and tips in protecting yourself from ID theft.

Abandoned/Derelict Vehicle Reporting Form- Chair Canopin created a sample reporting form which can be used by the Board and community residents. General information could be provided on the form and faxed to Chair Canopin for follow-up. The Chair included a sample draft of the reporting form in the Board members packets. Use of the form, followed up by phone calls, will allow for better tracking and follow-up for the Board and enable the process to have a record of its effort to clean up the abandon/derelict cars from the neighborhood.

REVIEW THE INVENTORY/STATUS OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

ITEM #5 KIMO BRIDGE: Kurashige reported that the personnel in charge of maintaining bridges for land division is only a part-time position. Mr. Gregory Siu agrees that the bridge is in disrepair and they will not maintain it as such.

ITEM #6 PALI DRIVE: Kurashige reported that the sidewalk fronting the first house on Nuuanu Pali Drive is still not ADA compliant. The sidewalk is uneven due to nearby tree roots breaking the surface of the sidewalk. She would like to see this immediately taken care of as disabled pedestrians must still step onto the roadway.

ITEM #7 BRIDGE AT AUWAIOLIMU STREET: Young reported that the City has stated its position and believes the matter regarding the bridge at Auwaiolimu Street is a State issue because it lies on Pauoa Elementary School property. Young emphasized that the land on which Pauoa Elementary School sits is owned by the City and is leased to the State Department of Education, making the City a responsible party.

ITEM #9 NAMILIMILI STREET: Aiona requested the street be cleaned at least once a week as trees in Booth District Park drop large amounts of leaves, etc., which he has had to clean up, and noted that this matter has been called to the City's attention previously.

ITEM #17 RESTROOM FACILITY AT BOOTH DISTRICT PARK: Aiona asked for an update on the request for improved maintenance.

Motion to resubmit issue # 7 to responsible parties with Board member Sylvia Young as the point of contact.

Nerney moved and Kurashige seconded motion carried by unanimous decision.

Agenda was taken out of order to address community concern by resident

Request by Kuaika Jendrusgh:

- A. Mr. Jendrusgh questioned why the Board did not have an agenda item for Community Concerns. Chair Canopin answered that the Board had agreed upon residents either contacting the Board before the meeting date in order to speed the process up of responses by officials.
- B. Requested that elected officials be invited to the meeting. He noted that other Boards have elected officials present.

Discussion ensued by Board:

- A. Hidano questioned the impact of the Board's decision not to have elected officials. She believes that it makes it harder for the community to have their concerns issued.
- B. Nerney understood the idea of compacting the time spent by the Board, but questions whether a break for birthday cakes is a warranted issue.

- C. Young believed the Board should recommend that elected officials be invited once again to the meetings. She believes it would help to quicken the response time on several issues if they were present at our meetings.
- D. Chair Canopin would make the necessary arrangements of inviting elected officials to the Board beginning next month.

Pauoa Valley Christmas Parade: Board member Young reported that there has been little change due to a lack of communication between Young's fundraising efforts for the Parade and the Pauoa Community Association, which is the hosting party. Young's efforts to contact the Association's president have not produced action by the Association. Board member Aiona also recounts that the association seems not to be an active participant in the community and questions its ability to be a viable part of the community. Carol Kamai is the current Pauoa Community Association President.

Chair Canopin deferred all other board business and adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Vanessa P. Matautia